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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Yukihisa TAKEUCHI and Kazuyoshi SHIBATA

Ser. No.: 09/677,304

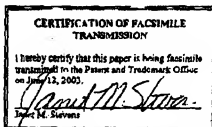
Group Art Unit: 2834

Filed: September 29, 2000

Examiner: Dougherty, T.

For: PIEZOELECTRIC/ELECTROSTRICTIVE DEVICE

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20241**SECOND REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT
AND CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

This is the second time Applicants have filed the following request (the first request was received in the PTO on March 26, 2003):

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on December 6, 2001, along with a PTO-1449 form citing seven references and seven U.S. copending applications. The Examiner drew a line through each of the copending application citations, which seems to indicate that those citations were not considered during prosecution of this application (see the attached copy of the PTO-1449 form bearing the Examiner's initials). Four U.S. patent publications and/or patents were cited on the PTO-892 form attached to the Notice of Allowance, and those four documents correspond to four of the copending applications that were lined through on the PTO-1449 form submitted by Applicants. There is no indication, however, that the remaining three copending applications (i.e., USSN 09/177,730, USSN 09/43,876 and USSN 09/114,260 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,254,974)) were considered during prosecution of this application.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is requested to confirm that the three copending applications mentioned above have been considered during the prosecution of this application.

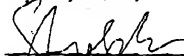
Should the appropriate official at the U.S. PTO have any questions concerning this matter, he or she is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

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Should additional copies of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements be required, the appropriate Patent and Trademark Office official is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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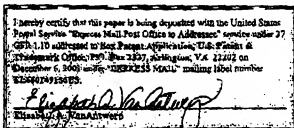
Practitioner's Docket No.: 791_083 DIV

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Shigeru HANZAWA and Kenji NAKANO

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

For: SIC-C/C COMPOSITE MATERIAL, USES THEREOF, AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE SAMEBox Patent Application
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. These references were cited during prosecution of parent application U.S. Ser. No. 09/496,377, and copies of each of the references can be found in the PTO file for the parent application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these listed references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive, which appears to be "Stephen P. Rizer".

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam. Index	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date
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	6,162,244	12-19-00	Hanzawa, S.			
	4,998,879	03-12-1991	Forster et al.			
	5,876,650	03-02-1999	Yasutomi et al.			

U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS (PENDING)

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	09/177,130	791 026	10-23-1998	Hanzawa, S.			
	09/211,085	791 032	12-14-1998	Hanzawa, S.			
	09/802,581	791 137	03-08-2001	Hanzawa, S. et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	99/19273	4-24-1999	WO				✓
	1 457 737	12-08-1976	GB			✓	
	10-130081	05-19-1998	JP				✓

Examiner:		Date Considered:	
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